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SUBJECT: FMS: TOW MISSILE REP AIR POLICY OF OMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY

1. OMANGOV MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS SENT US LETTER QUOTED BELOW ON TOW MISSILE REPAIR POLICY. IN IT THE MINISTRY ASKS FOR (A) COST AND DELIVERY INFORMATION ON TEST EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, AND SPARES; (B) COST INFORMATION ON REPAIRS IN THE U.S., AND PARTICULARLY REPAIRS TO OPTICAL ITEMS; (C) AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE CIRCUIT AND WIRING DIAGRAMS. ATTACHED TO LETTER ARE LISTS OF ITEMS (NOT QUOTED BELOW) ON WHICH COST AND DELIVERY INFORMATION IS SOUGHT.

2. WE ARE POUCHING THE LETTER TO STATE DEPT., ATTENTION NEA/ARP, BY UNCLASSIFIED POUCH. THE MINISTRY ASKS FOR A RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE: HEADQUARTERS OF THE SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THE FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR POLICY OF TOW EQUIPMENT, AFTER EXPIRY OF THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH THE US GOVERNMENT, SHOULD BE: (A) INITIAL INSPECTION, TEST AND BASE SERVICING IN OMAN; (B) BASE REPAIRS IN USA.

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4. IN ORDER THAT THIS LONG TERM RECOMMENDATION MAY BE FINANCIALLY ASSESSED BEFORE A FINAL PURCHASE DECISION IS MADE WOULD YOU PLEASE UNDERTAKE, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, TO COST THE TEST EQUIPMENTS, TOOLS AND SPARES LISTED AT ANNEX A - F ATTACHED. AN INDICATION OF SUPPLY LEAD TIMES FOR THESE TEST EQUIPMENTS AND SPARES WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

5. ALSO WOULD YOU PLEASE OBTAIN ESTIMATED COST FOR BASE REPAIR ONLY OF EQUIPMENTS AND REPAIRS TO OPTICAL ASSYS IN THE USA OVER A YEARLY PERIOD FROM 1978; PLEASE DETAIL REPAIRS TO OPTICAL ASSYS SEPARATELY TO BASE REPAIRS.

6. THE QUESTION OF TECHNICAL TRAINING ON THE TOW FIELD TEST SET (TF,TS) WILL BE PURSUED WITH HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, LA, CALIFORNIA.

7. ON A RELATED ISSUE PER YOUR LETTER OF 7 FEB 76, YOU STATED THAT DIAGRAMS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED IN THE TOW TECHNICAL MANUALS MAY BE RELEASED TO APPROPRIATELY CLEARED PERSONNEL FROM AIRWORKS LTD, BUT THAT NO FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING WIRING AND CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS MAY BE SO RELEASED. AS THE WHOLE BASIS OF REPAIR OF ASSEMBLIES CONTAINING ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS IS THE ABILITY TO DIAGNOSE FAULTS DOWN TO COMPONENT LEVEL, IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT CIRCUIT AND WIRING DIAGRAMS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AIRWORKS TECHNICIANS. TO DATE THE PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED DO NOT CONTAIN SUCH DIAGRAMS. PLEASE MAY THIS MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE US DEFENCE DEPT IN VIEW OF OUR PLANS TO CARRY OUT FIELD REPAIRS AND TESTS IN OMAN IN THE FUTURE.

8. ANY FURTHER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. END QUOTE.
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